

Tohono O'odham Utility Authority  
Post Office Box 816  
Sells, Arizona 85634

September 11, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re.: CC Docket No. 96-45  
Section 254(e) Self-Certification of  
Tohono O'odham Utility Authority

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached hereto is a sworn affidavit of Charles W. Wiese, certifying that Tohono O'odham Utility Authority (the "Authority") is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254 (e) and the requirements established by the Commission in *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001) ("Order") and codified at 47 C.F.R. §54.314. Because the Authority is not subject to the jurisdiction of a State, the Authority makes this certification directly to the FCC as provided for in paragraph 189 of the Order and 47 C.F.R. §54.314(b).

A copy of this Certification is also being filed this day with the Universal Service Administrative Company at its Washington, D.C., offices.

Please acknowledge receipt on the duplicate "stamp and return" document attached for this purpose. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Wiese  
General Manager

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cc: Ms. Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Charles W. Wiese, General Manager of Tohono O'odham Utility Authority (the "Authority") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am the General Manager of the Authority;
2. The Authority is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state;
3. The Authority is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
4. The Authority is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
5. The Authority will utilize its USF disbursements received in 2003 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which it is intended.

Signature: Charles W. Wiese Date: September 11, 2002

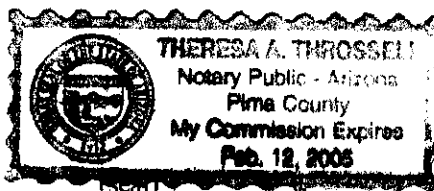
Print Name: Charles W. Wiese

Title: General Manager

State of Arizona, County of Pima

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Arizona, on this day personally appeared Charles W. Wiese, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September, 2002.



Theresa A. Throssel  
Notary Public

My Commission expires 2/12/05